This paper examines the relationship among individuals, analyzing household's transfers in time or money with the perceived access to time and money help among relatives. The principal aim of this work was to understand if instances in which the members of a family support a relative can be considered to be an investment in networks and therefore accumulation of social capital. On the other hand, it analyzes the potential tradeoffs of assistance (money versus time). The study finds that the assistance is explained by the exchange hypothesis. There isn't specialization, the help provided in time and money appears to be a substitute and not complementary.

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